

pipes, conveyer belt, motor, and other machinery in Bokaro Steel Plant (BSP) during each of the last three years;

(b) whether items worth crores of rupees are lying open in the premises of Bokaro Steel Plant;

(c) if so, the details and value of items lying there unused; and

(d) if so, the reasons for non-utilisation of these items?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) The value of receipt under various categories for the last three years is as follows:

Category	(Rs. in Crores)		
	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
Mechanical Spares	156.44	100.54	114.78
Pipes	6.24	5.14	7.14
Conveyor Belts	9.65	10.41	9.11
Motor and other Electrical spares	27.94	21.12	21.34

The figures for 1996-97 are under audit.

(b) to (d) All items are received in the stores. The stores have both covered and uncovered areas for storing various types of items. The items are kept in the covered stores or uncovered stores depending on the nature of the item and logistics for handling the same. The unmoved items in the uncovered area are heavy mechanical spares, forgings, castings, heavy structural items, heavy pipes etc. The value of such items as on 31.3.1996 is approximately Rs. 21.00 crores. The unmoved items also include insurance spares which are kept in the stores to meet the requirement during unexpected failure of spares. Some of the items are meant to be used during capital repairs/major revamping of equipments. Items are being issued/received in the uncovered area as and when required.

Modernisation of Telegraph Services in M.P.

6452. SHRI VISHVESHWAR BHAGAT: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any initiative for the modernisation of telegraph services in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof, district-wise;

(c) whether any budgetary allocations have been made for this purpose during the current financial year;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by when the modernisation of telegraph services likely to be completed in Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER FOR COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Under the modernisation programme of the Telegraph Network, microprocessor based Store and Forward Message Switching Systems (SFMS), Electronic Key Board Concentrators (EKBCs), Formatted Terminal Concentrators (FTCs) FAX, Electronic Terminals like Formatted Terminals, Electronic Teleprinters have been installed in M.P. The district wise details are given in the attached statement.

(c) and (d) No separate budgetary allocation has been earmarked.

(e) The modernisation of telegraph services in Madhya Pradesh has already been done to a great extent. However, it is an ongoing process.

Statement

District-wise information regarding modernisation of telegraph services in Madhya Pradesh

District	SFMS		Ports	FAX
	64L	32L		
1	2	3	4	5
Balaghat			1	1
Bastar			1	1
Betul			1	1
Bhind			1	1
Bhopal	1		3	6
Bilaspur			3	2
Chhindwara			-	1
Dhar			2	2
Dewas			1	2
Damoh			1	1
Durg			1	1
Datia			2	2
Guna			1	1
Gwalior			1	2
Hoshangabad			2	3
Indore		1	2	4
Jabalpur		1	3	6
Jhabua			3	5
Khandwa			1	1
Khargone			2	2
Mandla			1	2
Mandsor			1	1

	1	2	3	4	5
Morena				1	2
Narsinghpur				1	1
Panna				1	2
Raigarh				-	1
Raipur			1	1	1
Raisen				2	2
Rajgarh				1	1
Rajnandgaon				1	1
Ratlam				1	1
Rewa				1	2
Sagar				1	1
Sarguja				1	1
Satna				1	1
Sehore				1	2
Seoni				1	1
Shahdol				1	1
Shajapur				1	1
Shivpuri				1	1
Sidhi				1	1
Tikamgarh				-	1
Ujjain				2	2
Vidisha				1	1

Legend: SFMSS-Store And Forward Message Switching System.

Wireless Long Range Telephones

6453. SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI NAVIN CHANDRA MEHTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the large number of wireless/antenna long range telephones are installed in Nagaland and Manipur by several prominent persons;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the scheme under which such communication system has been allowed to be installed; and

(d) whether the Government considers such installations as security threat to India considering local conditions?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) No licence has been granted for installation wireless/antenna long range telephones in Nagaland and Manipur.

(b) to (d) Does not arise.

Production of Condensor Foils at Bidhan Unit of BALCO

6454. SHRI MAHBOOB ZAHEDI: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken any steps for production of Super Purity Condensor Foils at Bidhan Bag Unit of BALCO; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) and (b) Bharat Aluminium Company Limited (BALCO) has a proposal for establishment of Super Purity Aluminium Condensor Foil Plant subject to techno-economic feasibility of the project.

Setting up of Diesel and Electric Locomotives Workshop

6455. SHRI R.L.P. VERMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open new diesel and electric locomotive workshop in Kodarma district of Bihar for undertaking repairing work of diesel and electric engines;

(b) if so, the time by which survey work is likely to be completed in this regard; and

(c) whether the Government propose to work out any time-bound programme for opening the said locomotive workshop?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Laying of New Railway Line from Angamali to Punaloor

6456. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a new line is proposed to be laid down from Angamali to Punaloor in Kerala; and

(b) if so, the details of proposal alongwith estimated cost and time set for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) The Survey for construction of new line from Angamali to Punaloor has recently been completed and examination of the survey report has been taken up. Further consideration of the proposal would depend upon the results of the examination of the survey report. However, a portion of this line between Angamali and Erumeli has already been covered in a new line work sanctioned between Angamali and Sabarimala in the Budget, 1997-98, at a cost of Rs. 550 crores.